

Podcast on DV – 2012

- The Diversity Visa program is administered annually by the Department of State of the United States of America.
- Applicants are selected by a computer-generated lottery. Those persons selected (known as “selectees”) are then eligible to apply at U.S. Embassies overseas, for visas to immigrate to the United States. (“Selectees” must still meet all requirements of U.S. visa law before a visa can be issued.)
- The DV-2012 lottery registration period is from Tuesday noon, **October 5th, 2010, until Wednesday noon, November 3rd, 2010.** As in previous years, the DV-2012 lottery will be conducted electronically. The Department has a dedicated website for DV entries at **www.dvlottery.state.gov**. Paper entries will **not** be accepted.
- The Embassy strongly encourages Diversity Visa lottery applicants to avoid waiting until the last week of the lottery registration period to enter. Past experience showed that system overloads may occur in the final week. As a result, many applicants were not able to submit their applications on time. **No entries will be accepted after 12 PM of November 3, 2010.**
- Persons may prepare and submit their own entries, or have someone else submit the entry for them. Only **one** entry may be submitted in the name of each individual. The person entering the lottery is responsible for insuring that their personal information is correct and complete. The lottery entry process is **free-of-charge**. However, if you are later selected, the total cost for issuance of a diversity visa is \$819.
- Successfully registered entries will display a confirmation screen. It contains the applicant's name and **confirmation number** which can **and should** then be printed out. The confirmation page provides important information the entrant **must use** later to electronically check the status of their own entry through the **Entry Status Check** feature of the Dept. of State’s official Diversity Visa website. This

Entry Status Check feature will be available after **May 1, 2011** on the official Dept. of State diversity visa website at **www.dvlottery.state.gov**.

- **The Entry Status Check online feature will be the only means used by the Department of State to inform persons of their selection for DV-2012.** No selectees will be notified by regular mail or by email of their successful entries. Remember, only those persons who **kept a printed copy of their confirmation page information at the time of entry** will later be able to check their entry status through the Dept. of State's official diversity visa website. They must use their entry confirmation number to access the Entry Status Check feature of the official website. The Entry Status Check feature is available **after May 1, 2011**.
- Although there are several privately-owned websites that advertise their services to assist individuals with submission of Diversity Visa (DV) Lottery entries, these are not affiliated in any way with the Department of State's official Diversity Visa lottery. Additionally, in many countries, local businesses operate as visa facilitators, visa agents, or visa coordinators and provide assistance with the DV lottery and application process. Again, these are **not** in any way affiliated with the Department of State's official Diversity Visa lottery website.
- Although these privately-owned services and businesses are available, the Department of State strongly encourages applicants to complete the Diversity Visa Lottery entry by themselves, without assistance. The entry form and complete instructions for submitting a lottery entry are available **for free** on the Department of State's official website. There is no cost for submitting an online Lottery entry via the Dept. of State's official lottery website at **www.dvlottery.state.gov**.
- The use of outside organizations and businesses entities to assist in the Diversity Visa entry process is not necessary. It also can result in incorrect information being entered on your behalf. . This in turn,

can result in your Lottery entry being disqualified or your visa application being denied later, if you are selected through the lottery to apply for a visa.

- For the **2012** Diversity Visa lottery, as part of the Department's continuing efforts to combat fraud and malfeasance, the Department of State will **not** be mailing selectee notification or visa appointment letters. Instead, selectee notification and related visa application information will **ONLY** be available through the **Entry Status Check** feature found on the official US Dept. of State Diversity Visa Lottery website at www.dvlottery.state.gov.
- The Department of State emphasizes that it will never notify selectees by e-mail either. For the **2012** Diversity Visa Lottery notification of selection will **only** be made through the **Entry Status Check** feature, found online on the official Dept. of State website at www.dvlottery.state.gov.
- Do not believe any e-mail you may receive claiming that you have been selected to apply for Diversity Visa. In some cases, these are malicious e-mails are sent by criminal operators who seek to defraud innocent persons of their money. If you receive such a fraudulent email notification, claiming it is an official diversity visa notification, please notify the U.S. Department of State and/or the U.S. Embassy's Consular Section in Kyiv. The Department of State and the Embassy's Consular Section have dedicated fraud prevention units that will work with you to try and prevent these scams.
- The U.S. Embassy also warns Diversity Visa lottery entrants and selectees not to allow anyone to interfere in your Diversity Visa entry or visa application process. Remember: the Embassy will never require that you use an agency to complete your entry online or to process selectees' diversity visa applications. Also, the U.S. government does **not charge you** to enter the official Diversity Visa lottery. We repeat: **the official online entry process is free of**

charge. You can complete the online entry process by yourself without the assistance of any travel agency or visa consultant. You also later can confirm online at no charge whether you have been selected. To do so, you must use your personal **entry confirmation number** (received when you submitted your original online entry.) Such **Entry Status Checks** can be made **after May 1, 2011.** And, **they can only be made** through the official Dept. of State website at **www.dvlottery.state.gov**

- If you have any other questions or concerns regarding the Diversity Visa Lottery process, please contact the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv. Send your questions or concerns to us by email at KYIVFPM@STATE.GOV. Additional information is also available on our Embassy website at kyiv.usembassy.gov.
- And lastly, one more reminder:
- The online Diversity Visa **2012** lottery registration period is from **noon, Tuesday, October 5, 2010 to noon, Wednesday November 3rd, 2010.**
- Entry Status Checks can be made online after May 1st, **2011**.
- **To enter the lottery or to later check your entry status, go to www.dvlottery.state.gov**

Thank You.